

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance: First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene and Weston Residents.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

- 1- **Call to order** – First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance** - led by Harvey Bellin
- 3- **Discussion / decision regarding a supplemental appropriation request in the amount of \$470,834 for Zenon Plant sewage and septic repairs and remediation.** Superintendent Bill McKersie and Finance Director Rich Rudl reviewed the matter and associated costs. Mr. Rudl stated they are working with Veolia for Septic Tank management. Selectman Grozinger asked if we are able to go back to the vendors who made the errors, but First Selectman Spaulding stated it is too late as the statute of limitations has passed. Selectman Nestor moved to authorize a fiscal year 2018-19 supplemental appropriation to the Board of Education budget in the amount of \$470,834 for Zenon Plant sewage and septic repairs and remediation. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **Discussion / decision regarding a request for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$21,500 from the Friends of Lachat for driveway and drainage improvements.** Ellen McCormick and Mr. Luiz reviewed the history of the driveway and drainage issues and proposals were reviewed. The Lachat Town Farm Commission is asking the Town for half the cost to do this project; Friends of Lachat will cover the rest. Selectman Grozinger moved to establish a new Capital Account numbered 5019667-55001, and entitled “Lachat Town Farm Drainage and Driveway Improvements” and to fund said Capital Account with a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$21,500. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Discussion with Eversource about its recently changed and approved Redding to Wilton project** - Eversource representatives, led by Samantha Clouter, discussed the project and answered questions submitted by residents to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Luiz asked to have a representative from the Vegetation Management Department at our next Board of Selectmen meeting on May 23rd. NO MOTION.
- 6- **Interview of prospective appointee to the Western CT Convention and Visitors Bureau Board: Debbie Carrothers** - Ms. Carrothers spoke of her political background and experience with different Chambers of Commerce. She would like to help promote Weston and its natural resources. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Debbie Carrothers to the Western

Connecticut Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7- **Establishment of a public hearing concerning a new Transfer Station Fee Schedule** - First Selectman Spaulding discussed the process of having a public hearing. Mr. Luiz reviewed the current fees and proposed fees. Selectman Nestor moved to establish a Public Hearing at 7:30pm on Thursday, May 23, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room for purposed of inviting the public to express their opinion on the following proposed Transfer Station Fee Schedule to take effect July 1, 2019: 8.333 cents per pound for household waste weighed at the Transfer Station; and \$2.50 per sticker for trash bags up to 30 gallons in size containing household waste, with discounted pricing of \$1.25 per sticker for residents qualifying under the Town of Weston's Tax Relief for the Elderly Program and 83 cents per sticker for residents qualifying under the State of Connecticut's Elderly Homeowner's Tax program. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8- **Discussion / decision concerning wage increases for non-union employees and medical insurance premium cost share for non-union employees.** First Selectman Spaulding explained that the purpose of the motion is to match the union staff. Mr. Luiz spoke of wage increases and insurance costs and asked for permission to match the union. Selectman Grozinger moved to approve general wage increases for non-union personnel in the amount of 2.25% retroactive to July 1, 2018 and 2.5% effective July 1, 2019, and to authorize the Town Administrator to set medical insurance premium cost share for non-union employees in an amount similar to union employee rates. Selectman Nestor seconded. First Selectman Spaulding recused himself. Motion carried.
- 9- **Joint Executive Session with Board of Finance to discuss potential purchase of real estate** Dave Unger, Mark Crowley and Jonathan Luiz attended the Executive Session. Selectman Nestor moved to enter into Executive Session with the Board of Finance to discuss potential purchase of real estate. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session started at 8:47pm and adjourned at 9:07pm

- 10- **Approval of Minutes** - Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the Board of Selectmen minutes held April 25, 2019 and April 26, 2019. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11- **Adjournment** - Selectman Nestor moved to adjourn at 9:10pm. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:
Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: May 23, 2019